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Application Number	09/852,352
Filing Date	May 8, 2001
First Named Inventor	G. Christian Alford et al.
Art Unit	2122
Examiner Name	Chuck D. Kendall
Attorney Docket Number	073671.0133

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on May 12, 2004  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

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- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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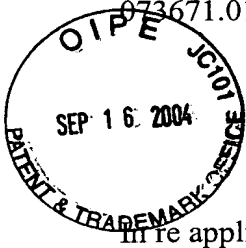
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